Causes for cost overrun of Central Projects

3717. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of the availability of the money, large number of central projects have over run;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken not to happen it again and to accelerate the pace of completing the on-going projects, giving the details of each project and the Ministry to which it belongs;

(d) whether the Group of Ministers which was appointed on 14th February, 1994 with one month's time to submit its report on the causes for cost overrun has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the findings and re-commendations of that committee and and if the committee has not yet rendered any report, the reasons for the delay and the steps taken to expedite the same;

(c) whether persons responsible for the cost escalation and for not utilising the available money have been identified and if so, with what action;

(d) whether any accountability has has been fixed to the officials to ensure that no project henceforth gets delayed; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRI-DHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b): Yes Sir. Some of the projects have time overrun inspite of the availability of funds due to various other reasons, such as; delay in land acquisition, delay in finalisation of detailed engineering and release of drawing, delay in ordering, inadequate supply of inputs, delay in equipment supplies, delay by contractors, law and order and other problems. The steps taken varies from project to project depending upon their problems. The steps being taken in general to avoid delays and accelerate pace of work include:

—Intensive monitoring of projects by the DPI through Monthly/Quarterly Monitoring System:

—Indepth periodical review of progress by Administrative Ministries and constant pressure on the project authorities for expeditious completion.

—Setting up of Task Force/Empowered Committees for speedy finalisation of contract packages, solving land acquisition and other problems.

—Close follow up by concerned Ministries and project authorities with the State Governments, Equipment suppliers, contractors, consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.

—Incer-ministerial coordination and i nteraction.

—Emphasis on preparation of realistic project implementation plan and estimates and their timely revision.

—Periodic review by Committee of Secretaries on specific projects.

The number of projects with time overrun, Ministry-wise, is annexed, as statement *(See* below)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The report is under finalisa tion.

(c) to (g) Do not arise.

Statement

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

Ministry /Sector-wise with Time Overrun with respect to Latest Approved Schedule

As on 1-1-94

Sl. No.	Ministry/Sector	Total Number of Projects	Number of Projects with Time overrun
1	Atomic Energy	7	7
2	Civil Aviation	10	2
3	Coal	69	22
4	Finance	1	1
5	Fertiliser	5	1
6	I&B	8	7
7	Mines	1	1
8	Steel & Iron Ore	14	8
9	Chem & Petrochem	8	2
10	Petro. & Natural Gas	41	25
11	Power	42	29
12	Heavy Industry	8	7
13	Railways	94	60
14	Surface Transport	31	18
15	Tele-Communication	22	12
16	Others	6	0
	TOTAL	367	202

New Industrial schemes for Tamil Natfn

3718. SHRI ITND'iVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be plf as.d to state:

(a) whether there is any new scheme to se' up industries in Tamil adu in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, what is the total amount expected to be spent over this scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons! therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMA-NGO): (a) to (c) An outlay of Rs. 550.00 crores has been approved under the Eighth Plan forTamil Nadu for programmes and schemes under Large & Medium Industries. Village & Small Industries and Mining Sectors. This amount includes an outlay of Rs. 39.60 crores- for the new schemes